I don't travel to big cities much, but when I do, it's nice to hear what the weather and traffic is like. Being in someplace unfamiliar is difficult at best to drive in, and having to search the dial to find traffic situations takes away from the concentration I must give my surroundings. Knowing where I'm going, and being able to program the stations I want saves time, and possibly keeps me from having a crash. Taking the traffic channels off would be a serious threat to my already high stress level